



PARKING 101

Parking Basics in the City of Atlanta

The following information includes basic rules for parking on the streets in the City of Atlanta. These parking regulations apply even if there are no signs or curb markings present. Violating the City of Atlanta's parking rules can result in a parking citation.

DO NOT PARK...

- in intersections and crosswalks, or on sidewalks and parkways.
- in a center median strip, unless signs are posted permitting parking.
- within 15 feet of a fire station driveway or fire hydrant.
- blocking any driveway.
- on the roadway side of a parked vehicle (double-parking).
- in a bus stop or on a bridge (unless otherwise posted).
- in any manner that obstructs the free use of the street.
- against the flow of traffic (wrong-way).

PARKING ZONES

Parking zones throughout the city are indicated using color coordinated curbs and/or signs to help drivers identify parking rules for the area. The following list includes parking zone colors and the corresponding rules specific to each zone.

15 MINUTE, 30 MINUTE, ONE-HOUR AND TWO-HOUR TIME LIMIT PARKING ZONES

Time limit parking zones are designated by signs. Sundays and City holidays are exempt unless otherwise posted.

NO PARKING/NO STOPPING ZONES

(yellow color curb marking)

A yellow curb means, "no stopping any time." When signs are used in place of a yellow curb, the prohibition is in effect on the days and times specified on the sign.

PASSENGER LOADING ZONES

Vehicles are allowed to stop for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers.

COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONES (orange color curb marking)

Trucks and commercial vehicles are permitted to load or unload goods with a special permit issued by the Office of Transportation. Commercial loading zones are in effect between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM (Sundays and City holidays excepted) unless otherwise posted.

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING ZONES (blue color logo in stall)

Vehicles displaying a distinguishing placard or license plate issued to disabled persons by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles may park in this zone. Out of state and/or out of country placards are also honored.

SHORT-TERM TIME LIMIT PARKING ZONES

Parking is limited to the time period posted on a sign. Short-term time limit parking zones are in effect 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (Sundays and City holidays excepted) unless otherwise posted.

YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE IMPOUNDED IF...

- parked on a city street and found to have outstanding citations.
- parked in a Handicapped space.
- parked in a "No Parking/Tow Away Zone".
- parked in a "Fire Zone" or near a Fire Hydrant.
- parked on a city street and found to have expired registration.

PARKING METERS

The time limits, hourly rates, and hours of enforcement for parking meters are posted directly on the meter. A vehicle may not be parked in a metered parking space longer than the posted time limit and "feeding" a parking meter in order to remain parked is prohibited. Meters accept quarters, dimes and nickels.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOLIDAYS

Parking restrictions are enforced 24 hours a day except for Sundays and the following holidays:

New Year's Day (January 1)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday of January)

Memorial Day (Last Monday of May)

Independence Day (July 4)

Labor Day (First Monday of September)

Veteran's Day (November 11)

Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday of November)

Christmas Day (December 25)

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRES

If you have any additional questions, please call:
City of Atlanta, Office of Transportation at 404-330-6501

To contest a parking citation, contact:
City Court of Atlanta, 150 Garnett Street, Atlanta GA 30303.
Hours are: 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday 404-658-6919

To report faded signs or curb markings, call:
Office of Transportation at 404-330-6501

To report a malfunctioning parking meter, call:
Parking Management Program at 404-541-4365

For information about a towed vehicle, call:
Atlanta Police Property Control Unit at 404-853-4330

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